

PARADE PARTICIPATION RULES

1. The Mardi Gras Parade will start at 10:00AM on Tuesday, February 28th, 2017. Participants will line up on W. 19th Ave. Official starting place for spectators is located on the corner of Clubhouse Dr. and HWY 59. From there the parade will continue S. down HWY 59 and end at Gulf Place.
2. All parade entries acknowledge that their floats should arrive ready and already loaded with throws to their designated location at the time assigned for arrival. Any riders or throws must be dropped off at designated locations. Other than the actual parade entry, no one else will have access to the parade lineup location.
3. There **MUST** be a representative from each entry to attend the Parade Participation Meeting on **Thursday, February 23rd, 2017**. The meeting will be held at the Activity Center beginning at 6:00PM. It is during this time that you will receive specific instructions about the route, where your entry will start, where your entry will end, etc.
4. SAFETY shall be the number one priority for all entries:
 - A. Candy is to be tossed underhanded TO the spectators, not AT the spectators.
 - B. Children participating in the parade must be supervised by an adult Group Leader.
 - C. Float/flatbed entries will be required to provide 1 adult walker per 10Ft to ensure that no one darts into parade traffic.
5. Only those entries approved by the Parade Committee will be allowed to participate. Example of entries which would NOT BE APPROVED would include: entries deemed to be in bad taste, offensive, lewd, etc.
6. Each entry must arrive to their assigned position within a timely manner based on the SPECIFIC intrusions given to you during the Parade Participation meeting. Failure to do so may result in removal from the parade. Any entry exceeding given length will be moved to the end of the parade line.
7. All floats must be family friendly, and be no taller than 13ft
8. There are to be **NO OPEN CONTAINERS** inside any vehicle. If any driver is suspected of having been drinking or to be drinking at the present time, your entry will be disqualified immediately with no questions asked.
9. When driving the parade route, all drivers must contain at least a 1 car length distance and no more than 2 from the participant in front of them.
10. Please bring a fire extinguisher for emergencies
11. Should there be any changes, delays or cancellations due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances all participants will be emailed in a timely manner.
12. DO NOT THROW CANDY OR BEADS IN THE PARKING LOT. We understand that the float riders, particularly the children, get very excited as the floats begin to roll out. However, throws thrown in the parking lot is extremely dangerous and has caused people to fall. PLEASE make sure your riders are aware of this rule.
13. Lastly, **HAVE FUN!** These rules are for your safety and help to ensure the parade is a success for everyone.